**Temporary Food Establishment Permit**

We accept new vendor applications until 3 p.m. and returning vendor applications until 4 p.m.  All vendors must submit next day events or events for the weekend submitted on a Friday by 3 p.m.

Starting Jan. 1, 2024, food trucks and trailers must have Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (LNI) approval and insignia. You must provide a copy of your approval or a picture of the insignia applied to the mobile unit.

* Read [LNI notice](https://tpchd.org/?p=36758).

Visit [LNI’s website](https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/manufactured-modular-mobile-structures/food-trucks-trailers/) to learn more.

**Who needs a temporary food establishment permit?**

You need a temporary food establishment permit to sell, sample or give away food.

* In 1 location up to 21 days in a row (limited to 2 permits per location).
* For 1 public event (like a fair or festival).

You need a different permit if you change locations.

**How do I apply?**

* [Online](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/temporary-events/online-application/).
* [By mail or in person](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/temporary-events/paper-application/).

**Prefer a language other than English?**

Let us know. We have free language services, like document translation and interpreters. Contact (253) 649-1703 or [food@tpchd.org](mailto:food@tpchd.org).

**How much will it cost?**

Check out our [2024 fees](https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Temporary-Food-Establishments-Fees-Guidelines.pdf). Pay the right fee to avoid permit delays.

**Questions?**

Call (253) 649-1703 or email [food@tpchd.org](mailto:food@tpchd.org).

You can also drop in for an in-person appointment.

* We’re available for appointments Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
* We close from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch.

**Resources**

* [Frequently asked questions.](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/temporary-events/faqs/)
* [Requirements to operate](https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Temporary-Food-Establishments-Requirements-to-Operate.pdf).
* [Fee schedule](https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Temporary-Food-Establishments-Fees-Guidelines.pdf).
* [Courtesy application](https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Sampling-Tasting-Courtesy-Application.pdf).
* [Certified booth operators.](https://tpchd.org/healthy-places/food-safety/temporary-events/certified-booth-operators/)
* [Food permit categories](https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Food-Categories-1.pdf).